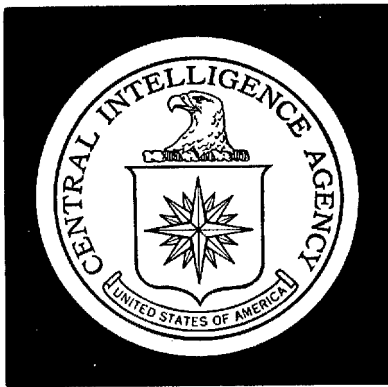


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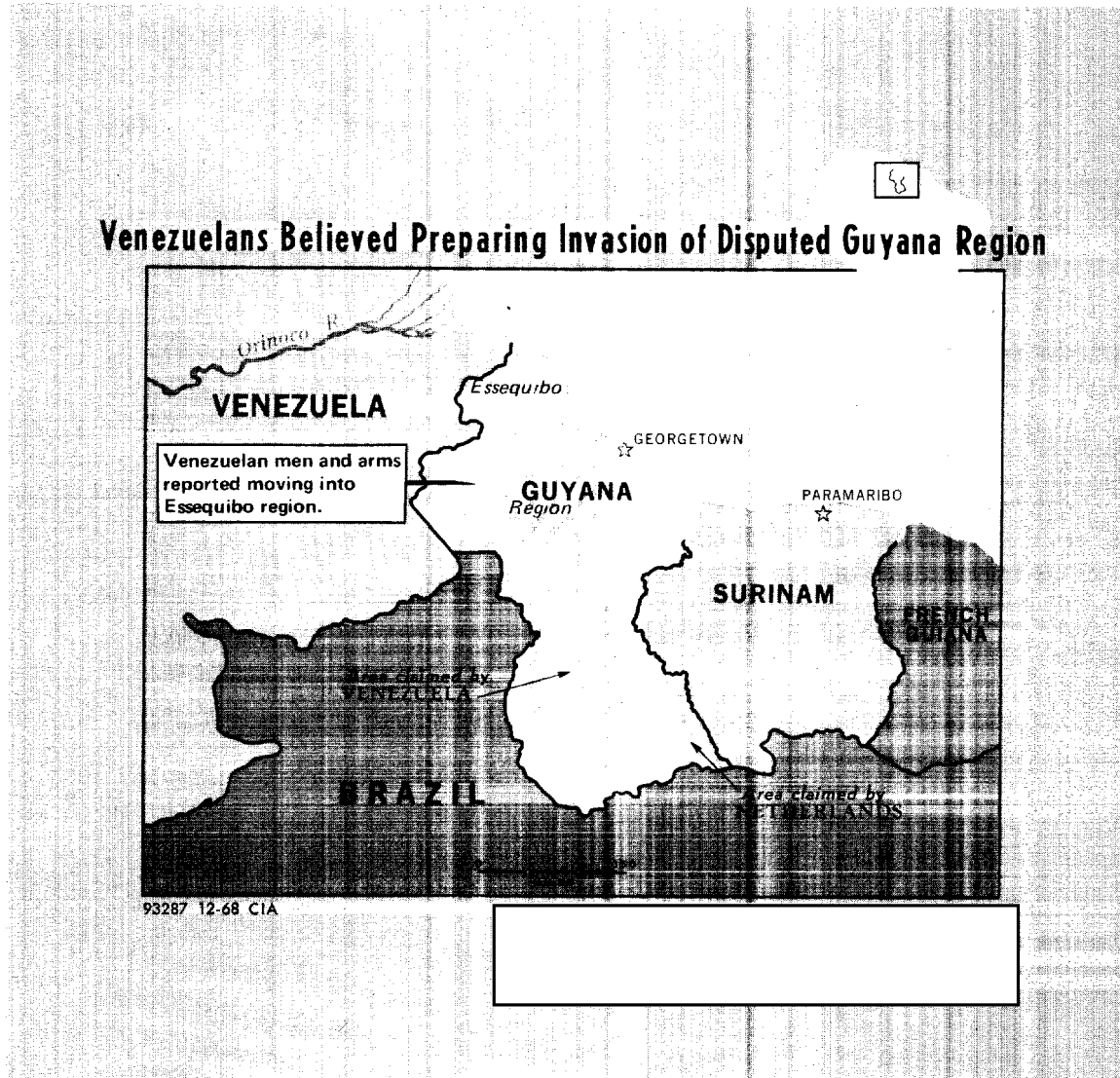
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[REDACTED] ARMS  
AND MEN ARE BEING MOVED INTO THE AREA IN PREPARATION  
FOR AN OPERATION AGAINST GUYANA.

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VENEZUELA CLAIMS THE ESSEQUIBO REGION AND MAY  
USE A TRUMPED-UP AMERINDIAN REBELLION AGAINST GUYANESE  
AUTHORITY AS A PRETEXT TO SEIZE THE AREA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE VENEZUELAN~~S~~ WOULD MOVE IN RESPONSE  
TO A CALL FOR HELP FROM THE GUYANESE AMERINDIANS,  
BUT THE PLANNED NATURE OF VENEZUELAN SUPPORT REMAINS  
UNCLEAR. THE VENEZUELAN~~S~~ WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ACTION  
BEFORE PRESIDENT-ELECT CALDERA IS INAUGURATED IN  
MARCH. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

THE GUYANESE DEFENSE FORCE COULD NOT DEFEND ITS  
BORDER IN THE EVENT THAT VENEZUELAN TROOPS WERE IN-  
VOLVED IN ANY NUMBER. [REDACTED]  
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